

Introduced by Senator BattinFebruary 7, 2006

An act to amend Section 9034 of the Elections Code, relating to initiatives.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 1243, as introduced, Battin. Initiative measures: informational public hearings.

Existing law provides that upon certification of an initiative measure for the ballot, the Secretary of State shall transmit copies of the initiative measure to the Senate and Assembly. Existing law requires each house to assign the initiative measure to its appropriate committees, and requires the committees to hold joint public hearings on the subject of the measure prior to the date of the election at which the measure is to be voted upon.

This bill would, instead, require the Milton Marks "Little Hoover" Commission on California State Government Organization and Economy to hold informational hearings not less than 30 days prior to the date of the election.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 9034 of the Elections Code is amended
- 2 to read:
- 3 9034. Upon the certification of an initiative measure for the
- 4 ballot, the Secretary of State shall transmit copies of the initiative
- 5 measure, together with the ballot title as prepared by the Attorney
- 6 General pursuant to Section 9050, to the ~~Senate and Assembly~~

1 *Milton Marks “Little Hoover” Commission on California State*
2 *Government Organization and Economy.* ~~Each house shall assign~~
3 ~~the initiative measure to its appropriate committees. The~~
4 ~~appropriate committees~~ *commission* shall hold ~~joint~~
5 *informational* public hearings on the subject of ~~such~~ *each*
6 measure prior to the date of the election at which the measure is
7 to be voted upon. However, no hearing may be held within 30
8 days prior to the date of the election.
9 ~~Nothing in this section shall be construed as authority for the~~
10 ~~Legislature to alter the initiative measure or prevent it from~~
11 ~~appearing on the ballot.~~